

FRANCE FEARS TREATY TERMS MAY BE EASED

Millerand Government Suspects Accord Between Italy and Britain.

AMERICA IS OUT OF IT

Financial Pressure, However, Also May Have an Effect on Modification.

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Paris, March 20.—Will the abortive coup d'état of the German militarists and its attendant evil of recurrent Spartacistism have the effect of stimulating a movement in Great Britain and America to modify the Treaty of Versailles, particularly its economic clauses?

This question is now occupying the forefront of the discussion here, with every conceivable political pressure being brought to bear on the French Government for the strictest application of the treaty. It is feared in political circles in Paris that powerful elements in America and in Great Britain are about to use what has just happened in Germany as another argument for a quick revision of the treaty and as supporting the prognostications of John Maynard Keynes' book regarding the disastrous economic and political consequences.

Italy Acts With Britain.

What seems clear is:

1. That Italy and Great Britain are acting in complete accord, as they have done in many other respects, and have exercised considerable pressure through their Charge d'Affaires in Berlin, virtually going so far as to represent to the leaders behind the Weimar Kapp movement that the Ebert Government had their support and must be maintained in some form, their argument being based chiefly on the world's common peril from Bolshevism.

2. That the French Government, although appealed to, refused to go as far as Great Britain and Italy, being still distrustful of the supposed sincerity of the Ebert Government and fearing that such action would be construed as making it the work of the Allies, as it is in agreement.

3. That behind the hesitancy of France is a suspicion that the Anglo-Italian policy is dictated by elements which are working for a revision of the treaty—the thing that the manipulators of recent German events may be playing for.

If the Ebert Government were maintained by any Allied action the next thing would be for a reorganized German Cabinet to demand a softening of the treaty in the interest of its own preservation against Communism; hence, despite all official assurances, there really is much divergence among the Allies.

France Is Unshaken.

The Italians, it is feared here, are stronger than ever for acting up on the Germans, and, consequently, a preponderance of British sentiment lies in the same direction. But France, con-

ident that she herself is secure against Communism and that her proletariat will have none of it, is stronger than ever for the treaty as it stands.

The Reparations Commission thus threatens to be deadlocked at the moment when any big economic question comes before it. In fact, it is virtually deadlocked to-day over the question of reducing the German coal requirements—a reduction to which France refuses to agree.

Raymond Poincaré, president of the Reparations Commission, writing in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, reflected French sentiments. His words indicated how matters stood in the commission before the coup d'état in Berlin, which only tended to strengthen French determination to insist that the past be lived up to by Germany.

The United States would seem to be out of it with the treaty rejected by the Senate and America unrepresented on the Reparations Commission, yet the pressure the United States can exert economically through big financial channels is realized here to be enormous. This is why the reaction in the United States to present German conditions is exciting greatest interest here.

WHY SHOULD TURKEY ESCAPE? HE ASKS

Lloyd George Says She Is Treated Same as Austria

LONDON, March 20.—Premier Lloyd George yesterday discussed the Turkish question with the Indian Caliphate delegation, headed by Mohammed Ali, who declared that Turkey should have all her postwar territory restored. The Premier replied:

"I do not understand Mohammed Ali to claim indulgence for Turkey. He claims justice. Germany has had justice—pretty terrible justice. Why should Turkey escape?"

"Turkey thought she had a deal with us. Why did she come in and try to stab us and destroy liberty throughout the world while we were engaged in this life and death struggle?"

"Is there any reason why we should apply a different measure to Turkey than we have meted out to the Christian communities of Germany and Austria?"

"I want the Mohammedans in India to get it well into their minds that we are not treating Turkey severely, because she is Mohammedan. We are applying equally the same principle to her as to Austria, which is the greatest Christian community."

Referring to the temporal power of the Caliphate, the Premier said he could not interfere in a religious question in which Mohammedans themselves differed.

The delegation requested that the Armenian massacres be investigated by an international commission on which the Moslems were represented.

KIEL IN HANDS OF PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

Governorship Control Held by Rear Admiral Evers.

COBLENZ, March 20.—Military power in Kiel is now fully in the hands of the new Governor, Rear Admiral Evers, and a People's Council, consisting of one representative each from the German People's party and the Democrats and two representatives from the Socialist party, according to the *Nachrichten* of Hamburg. The entire economic life of the city, however, is at a standstill.

It is estimated 150 persons were killed and several hundred wounded in Thursday's fighting, the *Nachrichten* says. Troops of the Von Loettwitz forces, which were being lodged in the castle at Schleswig, seventy miles northwest of Hamburg, have surrendered unconditionally and power is again in the hands of the old government, according to the *Nachrichten*.

The castle garrison had six killed or badly wounded. On the people's side one man was killed and one wounded. Leipzig is being successfully cleared by troops of the regular army, according to a Dresden dispatch quoting the *Nachrichten* of Hamburg.

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Barsamian and Silverman were in the store when the robbers entered. There were three of them, all armed, and Barsamian and the customer made no protest when ordered into the back room. They surrendered what cash they had, and were complimenting themselves that the bandits soon would be gone, when the leader of the three noticed the cash register.

He demanded the key for the drawer. Barsamian refused to give it up and was beaten. Then the robbers started for the street, leaving the cash register with them. Half way to the curb, where their automobile stood waiting, the warning shouts of children unnered them. They dropped the register and fled to the car, and disappeared in Bellevue Hospital suffering from lacerations of the face and scalp.

Queen Shows Humility.

MADRID, March 20.—While Queen Victoria was driving through the city today she met a priest who was going on foot to give the last sacrament to a dying workman. When she learned of the mission of the priest her majesty alighted and waited that he use her carriage. The priest agreed and the queen followed on foot to the home of the dying man, where she remained during the ceremony.

Reward Offered for Kapp.

LODZ, March 20.—It was announced in the Baden Diet yesterday that the Ebert Government had offered large rewards for the arrest of Dr. Kapp and Gen. Loettwitz, the leaders of the recent revolt in Berlin, according to a despatch from Cologne to-day transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam.

Russia-Rumania Peace Delayed.

MOSCOW, March 20.—Peace negotiations between the Russian Soviet Government and Rumania have been delayed through the refusal of the former to agree to the carrying on of negotiations at Moscow. M. Tchikover, Bolshevik Foreign Minister, yesterday sent proposals to Rumania asking that the representatives of the two countries meet at Kharkov.

Gift for Mr. Bonzano.

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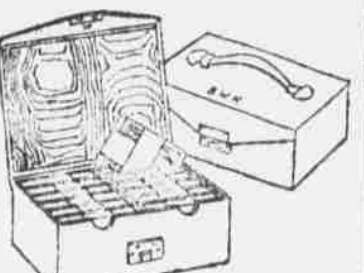
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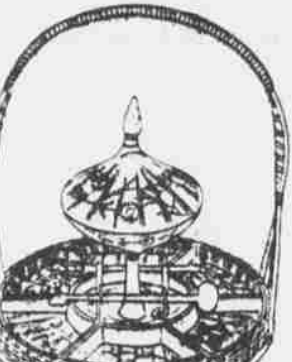
Colored stripe silk, 2 pockets, fitted with mirror and attached purse. Size 6 1/2 inches.....\$12.45

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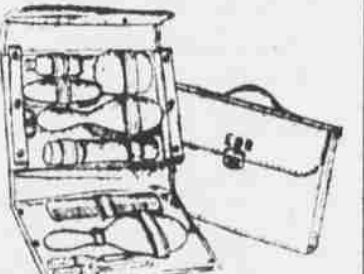
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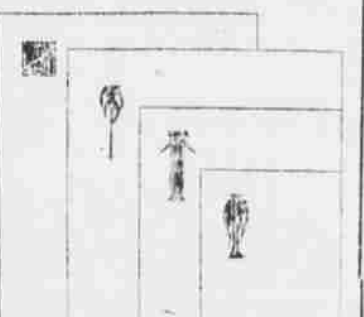
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